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ASSESSMENT

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A LINE WAS DROPPED IN TRANSMISSION OF THE TEXT OF THE
BONN GROUP ASSESSMENT ON THE BERLIN SITUATION CONTAINED
IN REFTEL. PARAGRAPH 10 OF THE ASSESSMENT SHOULD
READ AS FOLLOWS:

10. FOLLOWING A SERIES OF SHOOTINGS ON THE INNER-
GERMAN BORDER, AND THE DECLARED INTENTION OF THE
CDU/CSU YOUTH ORGANIZATION TO ORGANIZE A PILGRIMAGE TO
BERLIN TO DEMONSTRATE ON THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
CONSTRUCTION OF THE WALL, A NUMBER OF SERIOUS INCIDENTS
OCCURRED ON 13 AUGUST, WHEN BUSES AND PRIVATE CARS WERE
PREVENTED FROM USING THE TRANSIT ROUTES. THE ALLIES
PROTESTED TO THE SOVIETS ABOUT THIS VIOLATION OF THE QA,
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WHICH PROVIDES FOR UNIMPEDED TRANSIT, AND THE FRG

REJECTED GDR ATTEMPTS AT JUSTIFICATION PUT FORWARD IN
THE BILATERAL TRANSIT COMMISSION. THE LESSON TO BE
LEARNED FROM THESE INCIDENTS IS THAT, WHILE THE
WEST MUST UNCOMPROMISINGLY DEMAND FULL OBSERVANCE
OF THE QA, IT MUST RECOGNIZE THAT SITUATIONS CAN ARISE
IN WHICH THE GDR WILL TAKE DEMONSTRATIVE ACTION.
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